

Purpose: Discuss and reach agreement on the recommended for inclusion in the 2016 Integrated Reporting Memo

Process:

- Solicited Regions and states for topics to consider for inclusion in the 2016 IR Memo from May 27, 2014 to July 2, 2014. We did not expect to give Regions and states this long to respond; however, because the formal requests to states did not go out until June 16, 2014, we extended the deadline to July 2, 2014.
- Received topics from EPA Headquarters (AWPD, OST), Regions (3 and 4), and states (AZ, CA, KS, MD, MN, NC, NM, NY, WI)
- Discussed topics on Regional Monitoring and 303(d)/TMDL Coordinators monthly calls in July

Topics Recommended for Inclusion in the 2016 IR Memo:

- Interplay of Category 4C and Flow
 - Work group consisting of EPA Headquarters (AWPD, OST), Regions (1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9) will meet weekly from August 12 to September 30

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- 303(d) Program Vision
 - Discuss long-term prioritization from 2016 to 2022
 - Identified in state's IR
 - Include a rationale
 - Discuss that TMDLs continue to be most prominent tool for addressing impaired waters
 - Clarify the distinction between the Vision long-term priorities and the regulatory short-term ranking of TMDL development
 - Clarify what is meant by alternative restoration approach
 - Clarify how much engagement of the public is expected for the prioritization process.
 - Clarify that states to fully assess priority waters in 2020 and coordination with monitoring program essential (Monitoring Goal)
- ATTAINS
 - Discuss the importance of state-scale statistical surveys
 - Discuss the update to the 106 variable portion of the Section 106 allocation formula in FY 2017
 - Discuss at a high level the ATTAINS Redesign

- Timely Integrated Reports
 - Standard language at the start of the memo to discuss the importance of timely IR submittals with information on state and EPA track record for timely submittal and approvals.

Topics under Consideration for Inclusion in the 2016 IR Memo:

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Topics Not Recommended for Inclusion in the 2016 IR Memo:

- Use of Continuous Monitoring

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- Clarification on the requirements to report on methods used to mitigate acidity in lakes
 - Next Steps: This topic was identified as state specific, so Region 5 will follow-up with MN to discuss how to address
- Information on ways and appropriateness of assessing storm water
 - Next Steps: This topic was identified as state specific, so Region 6 will follow-up with NM to discuss how to address

Next Steps/Timeline:

Action	Due Date
Meet with management to discuss topics recommended for inclusion in the 2016 IR Memo	August 20, 2014
Communicate to Regions and States topics to be included in the 2016 IR Memo and process to address topics not included in the 2016 IR Memo	Week of September 2, 2014
Draft Write-ups due to Shera	Friday, October 3 rd
Brief Management	Week of October 20 th (TBD)
Comment Period on draft 2016 IR memo	October 27 th to November 21 st
Finalize and Release 2016 IR memo	December, 2014